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**Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Establishes Deadline for Lower Band
Paging and Radiotelephone Service (Part 22) Database Corrections**
Corrections for 35-36 MHz, 43-44 MHz, 152-159 MHz, and 454-460 MHz bands Due August 23, 1999

This notice instructs licensees of 35-36 MHz, 43-44 MHz, 152-159 MHz, and 454-460 MHz paging systems authorized under Part 22 of the Commission's Rules on how to access and review the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's (Bureau) paging database via the Universal Licensing System (ULS) and how to submit corrections if necessary. This review is necessary in order to preserve the rights of incumbent stations in light of the upcoming paging service auction.

In the *Second Report and Order* in WT Docket No. 96-18, the Commission adopted rules to auction geographic area licenses for commercial paging spectrum in the 931 MHz and 929 MHz bands (upper bands) as well as the 35-36 MHz, 43-44 MHz, 152-159 MHz, and 454-460 MHz bands (lower bands).¹ In this connection, the Commission provided for the continued operation of incumbent stations by requiring auction winners to protect incumbent service areas. Licensing records in the Bureau's ULS will be used by auction participants to determine how much spectrum is available in a given area, and by auction winners to protect incumbent operations. Last year the Bureau requested and received corrections to upper band licenses. Now that these corrections have been made, the Bureau asks licensees to review our records and submit corrections to lower band licenses where necessary.

The Bureau is establishing a deadline for the lower band corrections in order to eliminate any database inaccuracies well in advance of the auction. In this connect, the Bureau asks licensees to file lower band corrections no later than **August 23, 1999**. In turn, the Bureau will act on each timely-filed correction by October 23, 1999. Based on informal discussions with the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), we are sensitive to the fact that some paging licensees will need to review thousands of records to complete this effort. Due to the magnitude of this effort, some licensees may not be able to complete a thorough review prior to the deadline. Therefore, the Bureau will work directly with such licensees in order to establish reasonable, alternative deadlines that will allow the Bureau to complete as many of the corrections as possible by October 23, 1999.

How to access licensing records. There are several ways for licensees to review the lower band paging records.

- (1) ULS License Search (Query the ULS via dial-up connection). This method is recommended for those with several licenses to review. Point your web browser at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> and click the "Connect to ULS" button. Information at this site will describe how to establish a toll-free dial-up connection through Windows95 or Windows98. ULS License Search allows you to query our licensing records and download a file containing the results in ".tar" format. You will need a file compression utility that is capable of extracting "

¹ In the Matter of Revision of Part 22 and Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate Future Development of Paging Systems, WT Docket No. 96-18, *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 12 FCC Rcd 2732, (1997) (*Second Report and Order*).

files, such as PKUNZIP for Windows or WINZIP (both are shareware available on the internet.) Detailed instructions are available in the Help Files for ULS License Search. If you need help connecting to ULS, contact the Bureau's Technical Support Hotline at (202) 414-1250.

- (2) Query the ULS via the internet. This method is also recommended for those with several licenses to review. Searches are slower via this method compared to ULS License Search. Point your web browser at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb>, click the "Databases" button at the top of the page, select "Search the Wireless Databases Online," and choose the "Licensee (Service)" query. Type in the licensee name and limit the search to radio service "Paging and Radiotelephone [CD]."
- (3) Contact ITS, the Commission's Copy Contractor, at (202) 857-3800. ITS performs research for a fee.

What to look for. Each licensee should confirm that its license provides for the use of a valid frequency and that its operation is taking place on the authorized frequency. Each licensee should also verify that its transmitter coordinates (coordinate in ULS are referenced to NAD83, not NA27) properly identify its transmitter location and that its operating parameters are consistent with that provided by its license. **NOTE:** For those incumbent paging licensees that have made permissive changes (*e.g.*, relocate transmitters, add transmitters, delete transmitters, modify operating parameters, etc.) that have not increased the station's originally authorized interference contour the Bureau IS NOT seeking notification of such permissive changes. Rather, licensees should notify the Bureau in the event that the database does not accurately reflect all locations that make up their composite interference contours. In the event that the Bureau's database does not reflect a licensee's composite interference contours, or the data would lead to underestimating a licensee's composite interference contours, the licensee should notify the Bureau as outlined below.

How to submit corrections. Corrections may be submitted by the licensee or its authorized designee. Each licensee who determines that its authorization contains one or more errors should notify the Bureau informally and include ONE COPY of as much of the information listed below as possible.

- (1) the call sign(s) and specific error(s) involved;
- (2) evidence that the error occurred in the Bureau's licensing process;
- (3) the approximate date the error occurred, if known;
- (4) a copy of the original application for authorization date-stamped by Mellon Bank or the FCC;
- (5) a date-stamped copy of the instrument of notification certifying construction and commencement of service; and,
- (6) technical data, including the maximum effective radiated power and average height above terrain (in meters along the eight cardinal radials) sufficient to insure that the proper interference contour is identified.
- (7) height (in meters) to the center and tip of the antenna under review,
- (8) ground elevation, height of the structure above ground and the overall height of the structure of mean sea level (each height should be given in meters).
- (9) structure type

In lieu of the date-stamped copies described in (4) and (5) above, a licensee may provide other evidence sufficient to demonstrate authorization and notification of facilities.

IMPORTANT: Coordinates provided to the Bureau must be referenced to NAD83 (not NAD27), and heights provided must be in meters (not feet). Corrections submitted to the Bureau that contain coordinates in NAD27 or heights in feet will be returned to the licensee for conversion. Software for converting coordinates between datums is available via the internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/nadcon.html>.

Where to submit corrections. Licensees may mail, fax, or email corrections by August 23, 1999, to the Bureau as described below.

By mail

Federal Communications Commission
WTB/CWD, Licensing and Technical Analysis Branch
445 12th St., S.W.; TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTN: Paging Database Corrections

By fax at (202) 418-1412; or by email at bwoodwar@fcc.gov

Verifying that corrections have been made. Upon receipt of each correction, the Bureau will record the licensee's name, call sign, and receipt date, and place this information on the internet. We will also note the date that we complete the corrections for each call sign. This information will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/paging/corrections.html>

For further information contact Bettye Woodward at (202) 418-1345 or email bwoodwar@fcc.gov.

Notice to Individuals Required by the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

We estimated that each response to this collection of information will take an average of 30 minutes. Our estimate includes the time to read instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain the required data, and actually complete and review the response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or on how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write the Federal Communications Commission AMD-PERM, Washington, DC 20554. Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0893). We will also accept your comments via the internet if you send them to jboley@fcc.gov. Please DO NOT SEND YOUR RESPONSES TO THIS ADDRESS.

You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number or if we fail to provide you with this notice. This collection of information has been assigned an OMB Control Number of 3060-0893.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collection information requested in this form. We will use this information to update the Universal Licensing System database. Failure to provide this information may result in unlicensed station operations, or cancellation of authorization.

This notice is required by the Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-579, December 13, 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(e)(3) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, October 1, 1995, 44 U.S.C. 307.